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Applicant: CHA, Won Il
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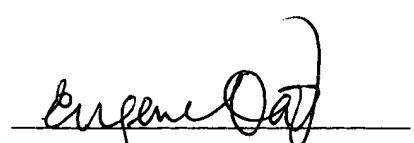
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith for filing are amendments of the above-identified patent application according to the first Office Action mailed on September 16, 2005.

Thank you for your prompt response and kind consideration. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosures: Amendments

Election/Restrictions

1. *This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:*

Group I: Figure 2(O-ring at lower to upper body joint) and

Group II: no drawing figure (silicon rubber coated bottom at lower to upper body joint)

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claims appear generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected constant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An arrangement that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP§809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variant or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR1.143).

Applicant decides to select group 1) Figure 2.